



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 2 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/driver's license checkpoint on Friday, May 23, 2014 (between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.), as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint, part of the California Office of Traffic Safety sponsored Avoid the 30 program, was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the city of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Central Avenue just east of Riverside Drive. The goal of the DUI checkpoint was to remove unlicensed or impaired drivers from roadways and to increase public awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws, the Department's personnel assisted 10 families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint. Unsafe car seats were replaced so that all children left the checkpoint safer than they arrived.

Results:

- 1647 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1647 drivers were contacted with 42 being screened
- 1 DUI-Alcohol suspects were arrested
- 0 DUI-Drug Impaired suspects were arrested
- 1 arrest for possession of Marijuana
- 32 citations were issued
- 14 vehicles were impounded
- 21 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

RSO/CAL-ID was on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future.

The Riverside Police Department will be conducting additional DUI/Driver's License checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

Funding for Avoid the 30 operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who reminds you to 'Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911!'

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